

1 **ABSTRACT**

2 Methods and systems of providing information to computer users are
3 described. In one embodiment, a user interface is provided having a display area
4 that permits a user to accomplish various tasks. Individual tasks can be associated
5 with individual different functionalities which can enable the user to accomplish
6 tasks in different user contexts, e.g. word processing tasks, email tasks, web
7 browsing tasks and the like. The different tasks can advantageously pertain to
8 different content types or document types. When a user is working within a
9 particular context, they can view quick links that are associated with one or more
10 of the different contexts without having to change their particular context. By
11 clicking on a quick link, the user then can automatically navigate to the context
12 associated with the quick link so that they can then accomplish context-specific
13 tasks. Advantageously, the various functionalities or contexts can be provided by
14 a single application program that also manages the user's navigation activities to
15 and between the different functionalities. In various embodiments, a user can
16 select from among a number of different algorithms that are deployable across
17 different content types and which affect which quick links are displayed.

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